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REMARKS

The withdrawal of claims 2 to 9 and 13 to 18 as directed to non-elected inventions and the examination of claims 1, 10 to 12, 19, and 20 is acknowledged.

The Examiner is thanked for his courtesies in reviewing the proposed changes to claims 10 and 19 forwarded to him by facsimile on July 3, 2003; those claims now read as they were proposed to be changed. Claim 1 has also been modified better to point out that which applicants regard as their invention.

Claims 10 to 12, 19, and 20 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 as indefinite, the Examiner stating that it was unclear what was meant by the phrases "desired shape" and "cut surface." The phrase "cut surface of a desired shape" has been changed to "portion where a skin of the magnesium alloy is exposed." The specification supports the new language in the third and fourth lines from the end of page 21 as well as on page 23, lines 20 and 21. See also Fig. 11. It is believed that the claims comply with the formal requirements of the Patent Code and are immediately allowable; if the Examiner feels otherwise, he is asked to contact the undersigned to discuss other language.

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The rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Schmeling et al. '830, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Schmeling et al. '830, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Seki et al. '498, and the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Baer '449, if applied to the claim as amended, are respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been modified to specify that the non-metallic anti-corrosive coating layer is an alumina anti-corrosive coating layer based upon the disclosure in the specification at page 17, lines 1 to 12. The various layers on the magnesium materials of the references do not embrace such a film.

Schmeling et al. '830 shows a layer formed by anodic oxidation to provide phosphate, fluoride, or chloride salts of magnesium on the magnesium alloy surface; see patent claim 1. Instant claim 1 calls for an alumina layer formed on a surface of the magnesium alloy molded body.

Seki et al. '498 show an anodic oxidation and clear paint coating surface treatments on a treated magnesium alloy body; the product differs significantly from (and does not teach or suggest) the product of claim 1.

Baer '449 shows a magnesium alloy coated with an epoxy resin containing a powdered alloy composition dispersed

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therein. This teaching does not lead the person of ordinary skill in the art to the product of instant claim 1. The rejections should be withdrawn.

Applicants also respectfully submit that method claim 13 is sufficiently related to examined claims 10 to 12 to permit allowance of claim 13 in this case.

The Examiner is thanked for acknowledging receipt of the certified copy of applicants' priority document.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the only barrier to allowance is the presence of non-elected claims, the Examiner is authorized to cancel those claims for that express purpose (see however the discussion above regarding claim 13).

Respectfully submitted,

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